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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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 ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS
 NEUTRALITY MATTERS

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
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By teletype 1-25-61 Miami advised that MM 639-S on that date had stated Kenneth J. Proctor, an associate of Masferrer, with 11 Americans and 3 Cubans was going to leave in a few days on an expedition against Cuba. They reportedly would steal a boat and the owner subsequently would report it stolen. The informant doubted if the group could obtain arms but Proctor allegedly stated they would leave without arms. Proctor reportedly received a telephone call from Cuba instructing him to land at Mamalata, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, where he would be met by 200 anti-Castro revolutionists in Cuba. Informant thought this might be a trap on the part of the Cuban Government. [Central Intelligence Agency, Miami, advised it had no operational interest in the group.] Miami notified Customs and Border Patrol and Customs advised it would take no action if the boat contained no arms.

On 1-25-61, Inspector J. A. Sizoo telephonically advised SAC Teague, Miami, to locate and interview Proctor and such of his associates as might be available and advise the Bureau.

Miami has now advised Proctor and four companions were interviewed on the night of 1-25-61 and each denied knowledge of any invasion plans claiming they are unacceptable to anti-Castro groups. Proctor, however, had in his possession a sketch of what appeared to be a portion of Cuba and which bore the names of "Mamalata and Guajaibon" and also had names of persons previously mentioned by MM 639-S as being connected with the expedition. Proctor claimed he found these papers in a lobby of his hotel. Provisions of neutrality statutes and possible consequences of any invasion were pointed out to the persons interviewed. They claimed they realize such an expedition could be embarrassing to the United States and they would discontinue their association with other anti-Castroites.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the above information be disseminated to State, Department of Justice and other interested agencies. Attached is a suggested memorandum.

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